

(C) provide on-going advice on the most appropriate means of providing assistance to homeless veterans.

(3) The Committee shall—

(A) review the continuum of services provided by the Department directly or by contract in order to define cross-cutting issues and to improve coordination of all services with the Department that are involved in addressing the special needs of homeless veterans;

(B) identify (through the annual assessments under section 2034 of this title and other available resources) gaps in programs of the Department in serving homeless veterans, including identification of geographic areas with unmet needs, and provide recommendations to address those gaps;

(C) identify gaps in existing information systems on homeless veterans, both within and outside the Department, and provide recommendations about redressing problems in data collection;

(D) identify barriers under existing laws and policies to effective coordination by the Department with other Federal agencies and with State and local agencies addressing homeless populations;

(E) identify opportunities for increased liaison by the Department with nongovernmental organizations and individual groups providing services to homeless populations;

(F) with appropriate officials of the Department designated by the Secretary, participate with the Interagency Council on the Homeless under title II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11311 et seq.);

(G) recommend appropriate funding levels for specialized programs for homeless veterans provided or funded by the Department;

(H) recommend appropriate placement options for veterans who, because of advanced age, frailty, or severe mental illness, may not be appropriate candidates for vocational rehabilitation or independent living; and

(I) perform such other functions as the Secretary may direct.

(c) **REPORTS.**—(1) Not later than March 31 of each year, the Committee shall submit to the Secretary a report on the programs and activities of the Department that relate to homeless veterans. Each such report shall include—

(A) an assessment of the needs of homeless veterans;

(B) a review of the programs and activities of the Department designed to meet such needs;

(C) a review of the activities of the Committee; and

(D) such recommendations (including recommendations for administrative and legislative action) as the Committee considers appropriate.

(2) Not later than 90 days after the receipt of a report under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall transmit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a copy of the report, together with any comments and recommendations concerning the report that the Secretary considers appropriate.

(3) The Committee may also submit to the Secretary such other reports and recommendations as the Committee considers appropriate.

(4) The Secretary shall submit with each annual report submitted to the Congress pursuant to section 529 of this title a summary of all reports and recommendations of the Committee submitted to the Secretary since the previous annual report of the Secretary submitted pursuant to that section.

(d) **TERMINATION.**—The Committee shall cease to exist December 31, 2012.

(Added Pub. L. 107-95, §5(a)(1), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 916; amended Pub. L. 109-444, §2(e), Dec. 21, 2006, 120 Stat. 3304; Pub. L. 109-461, title VII, §709, title X, §1006(b), Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3441, 3468; Pub. L. 112-37, §10(f), Oct. 5, 2011, 125 Stat. 397.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(3)(F), is Pub. L. 100-77, July 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 482, as amended. Title II of the Act is classified generally to subchapter II (§11311 et seq.) of chapter 119 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 11301 of Title 42 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 112-37 substituted “December 31, 2012” for “December 30, 2011”.

2006—Subsec. (a)(3)(E) to (G). Pub. L. 109-461, §709(a), added subpars. (E) to (G).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 109-461, §1006(b), provided that as of the enactment of Pub. L. 109-461, the amendments made by Pub. L. 109-444 were deemed for all purposes not to have taken effect and that Pub. L. 109-444 ceased to be in effect. See Amendment notes below and section 1006(b) of Pub. L. 109-461, set out as a Coordination of Provisions With Pub. L. 109-444 note under section 101 of this title.

Pub. L. 109-461, §709(b), substituted “December 30, 2011” for “December 31, 2006”.

Pub. L. 109-444, which substituted “December 31, 2007” for “December 31, 2006”, was terminated by Pub. L. 109-461, §1006(b). See Amendment notes above.

CHANGE OF NAME

Interagency Council on the Homeless changed to United States Interagency Council on Homelessness by Pub. L. 108-199, div. G, title II, §216, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 394.

CHAPTER 21—SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING FOR DISABLED VETERANS

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AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-275, title II, § 203(b), Oct. 13, 2010, 124 Stat. 2874, added item 2108.

2008—Pub. L. 110-289, div. B, title VI, § 2602(b)(8), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2860, substituted "Acquisition and adaptation of housing: eligible veterans" for "Veterans eligible for assistance" in item 2101, added item 2101A, and substituted "individuals" for "veterans" in item 2102A.

2006—Pub. L. 109-233, title I, § 101(d), June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 399, added items 2102A and 2107.

1992—Pub. L. 102-568, title II, § 204(b), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4325, substituted "Veterans'" for "Veteran's" in item 2106.

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(b)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406, renumbered items 801 to 806 as 2101 to 2106, respectively.

1988—Pub. L. 100-322, title III, § 333(a)(2), May 20, 1988, 102 Stat. 539, substituted "Veteran's mortgage life insurance" for "Mortgage Protection Life Insurance" in item 806.

1971—Pub. L. 92-95, § 2, Aug. 11, 1971, 85 Stat. 322, added item 806.

§ 2101. Acquisition and adaptation of housing: eligible veterans

(a) ACQUISITION OF HOUSING WITH SPECIAL FEATURES.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary may assist a disabled veteran described in paragraph (2) in acquiring a suitable housing unit with special fixtures or movable facilities made necessary by the nature of the veteran's disability, and necessary land therefor.

(2) A veteran is described in this paragraph if the veteran is entitled to compensation under chapter 11 of this title for a permanent and total service-connected disability that meets any of the following criteria:

(A) The disability is due to the loss, or loss of use, of both lower extremities such as to preclude locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheelchair.

(B) The disability is due to—

(i) blindness in both eyes, having only light perception, plus

(ii) loss or loss of use of one lower extremity.

(C) The disability is due to the loss or loss of use of one lower extremity together with—

(i) residuals of organic disease or injury; or

(ii) the loss or loss of use of one upper extremity,

which so affect the functions of balance or propulsion as to preclude locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheelchair.

(D) The disability is due to the loss, or loss of use, of both upper extremities such as to preclude use of the arms at or above the elbows.

(E) The disability is due to a severe burn injury (as determined pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary).

(3) The regulations prescribed under subsection (d) shall require that assistance under paragraph (1) may be provided to a veteran only if the Secretary finds that—

(A) it is medically feasible for the veteran to reside in the proposed housing unit and in the proposed locality;

(B) the proposed housing unit bears a proper relation to the veteran's present and anticipated income and expenses; and

(C) the nature and condition of the proposed housing unit are such as to be suitable to the veteran's needs for dwelling purposes.

(b) ADAPTATIONS TO RESIDENCE OF VETERAN.—

(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary shall assist any disabled veteran described in paragraph (2) (other than a veteran who is eligible for assistance under subsection (a))—

(A) in acquiring such adaptations to such veteran's residence as are determined by the Secretary to be reasonably necessary because of such disability; or

(B) in acquiring a residence already adapted with special features determined by the Secretary to be reasonably necessary for the veteran because of such disability.

(2) A veteran is described in this paragraph if the veteran is entitled to compensation under chapter 11 of this title for a permanent and total service-connected disability that meets any of the following criteria:

(A) The disability is due to blindness in both eyes with 5/200 visual acuity or less.

(B) The disability includes the anatomical loss or loss of use of both hands.

(C) The disability is due to a severe burn injury (as so determined).

(3) Assistance under paragraph (1) may be provided only to a veteran who the Secretary determines—

(A) is residing in and reasonably intends to continue residing in a residence owned by such veteran or by a member of such veteran's family; or

(B) if the veteran's residence is to be constructed or purchased, will be residing in and reasonably intends to continue residing in a residence owned by such veteran or by a member of such veteran's family.

(c) REGULATIONS.—Assistance under this section shall be provided in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1168, § 801; Pub. L. 86-239, Sept. 8, 1959, 73 Stat. 472; Pub. L. 88-401, Aug. 4, 1964, 78 Stat. 380; Pub. L. 91-22, § 1, June 6, 1969, 83 Stat. 32; Pub. L. 95-117, title IV, § 401, Oct. 3, 1977, 91 Stat. 1065; Pub. L. 96-385, title III, § 301(a), Oct. 7, 1980, 94 Stat. 1531; Pub. L. 99-576, title IV, § 401(a), title VII, §§ 701(48), 702(7), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3280, 3295, 3302; renumbered § 2101 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§ 4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406; Pub. L. 108-183, title IV, § 401, Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2664; Pub. L. 108-454, title IV, § 401, Dec. 10, 2004, 118 Stat. 3614; Pub. L. 109-233, title I, § 105(a), June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 402; Pub. L. 110-289, div. B, title VI, §§ 2602(b)(1), (7)(A), 2603, July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2859, 2860.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 2101, Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1222, related to eligibility for mustering-out payments, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89-50, § 1(a), June 24, 1965, 79 Stat. 173, effective July 1, 1966.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-289, § 2602(b)(7)(A), amended section catchline generally. Prior to amendment, catchline read as follows: "Veterans eligible for assistance".

Subsec. (a)(2)(E). Pub. L. 110-289, § 2603(1), added subpar. (E).

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 110-289, § 2603(2)(A), substituted “any” for “either” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(2)(C). Pub. L. 110-289, § 2603(2)(B), added subpar. (C).

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 110-289, § 2602(b)(1), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c) and struck out former subsec. (c) which related to provision of specially adapted housing to a member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty and suffering from a disability whose disability was the result of an injury incurred or disease contracted in or aggravated in the line of duty. See section 2101A of this title.

2006—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 109-233, § 105(a)(3), substituted “subsection (d)” for “subsection (c)” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-233, § 105(a)(2), added subsec. (c) consisting of the text of subsec. (c) of this section as in effect immediately before the enactment of Pub. L. 108-454, as modified by amendments to pars. (1) and (2) below. See 2004 Amendment note below. Former subsec. (c) redesignated (d).

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 109-233, § 105(a)(2)(A), substituted “paragraph (A), (B), (C), or (D) of paragraph (2)” for “paragraph (1), (2), or (3)” and “paragraph (3)” for “the second sentence”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 109-233, § 105(a)(2)(B), substituted “paragraph (2)” for “paragraph (1)” in first sentence and “paragraph (3)” for “paragraph (2)” in second sentence.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 109-233, § 105(a)(1), redesignated subsec. (c) as (d).

2004—Pub. L. 108-454 amended text of section generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of subsecs. (a) and (b) authorizing the Secretary to assist veterans entitled to compensation under chapter 11 of this title for permanent and total service-connected disability due to loss or loss of use of lower extremities, blindness, or loss or loss of use of both hands and subsec. (c) authorizing similar assistance to members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty.

2003—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-183 added subsec. (c).

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 801 of this title as this section and substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator” wherever appearing.

1986—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-576, §§ 701(48), 702(7), substituted “the Administrator” for “he” and “veteran who” for “veteran, who”, and struck out “, based on service after April 20, 1898,” after “chapter 11 of this title”.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 99-576, § 401(a), inserted at end “or in acquiring a residence already adapted with special features determined by the Administrator to be reasonably necessary for the veteran because of such disability”.

1980—Pub. L. 96-385 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

1978—Pub. L. 95-117 in cl. (3) inserted reference to loss or loss of use of one upper extremity and reference to braces, crutches, and canes.

1969—Pub. L. 91-22 added cl. (3) which authorized the Administrator to provide housing assistance to veterans whose permanent and total disability consists of loss or loss of use of one lower extremity when such loss precludes locomotion without a wheelchair.

1964—Pub. L. 88-401 struck out provisions from cl. (2)(B) which required such permanent and total disability to be such as to preclude locomotion without the aid of a wheelchair.

1959—Pub. L. 86-239 designated existing provisions of first sentence as cl. (1), struck out “by reason of amputation, ankylosis, progressive muscular dystrophies, or paralysis” after “loss of use”, and added cl. (2).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-233, title I, § 105(b), June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 402, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect as of December 10, 2004, as if enacted immediately after the enactment of the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2004 [Pub. L. 108-454] on that date.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-385 effective Oct. 1, 1980, see section 601(b) of Pub. L. 96-385, set out as a note under section 1114 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-117 effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 501 of Pub. L. 95-117, set out as a note under section 1114 of this title.

§ 2101A. Eligibility for benefits and assistance: members of the Armed Forces with service-connected disabilities; individuals residing outside the United States

(a) MEMBERS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES.—(1) The Secretary may provide assistance under this chapter to a member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who is suffering from a disability that meets applicable criteria for benefits under this chapter if the disability is incurred or aggravated in line of duty in the active military, naval, or air service. Such assistance shall be provided to the same extent as assistance is provided under this chapter to veterans eligible for assistance under this chapter and subject to the same requirements as veterans under this chapter.

(2) For purposes of this chapter, any reference to a veteran or eligible individual shall be treated as a reference to a member of the Armed Forces described in subsection (a) who is similarly situated to the veteran or other eligible individual so referred to.

(b) BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS RESIDING OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary may, at the Secretary's discretion, provide benefits and assistance under this chapter (other than benefits under section 2106 of this title) to any individual otherwise eligible for such benefits and assistance who resides outside the United States.

(2) The Secretary may provide benefits and assistance to an individual under paragraph (1) only if—

(A) the country or political subdivision in which the housing or residence involved is or will be located permits the individual to have or acquire a beneficial property interest (as determined by the Secretary) in such housing or residence; and

(B) the individual has or will acquire a beneficial property interest (as so determined) in such housing or residence.

(c) REGULATIONS.—Benefits and assistance under this chapter by reason of this section shall be provided in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe.

(Added Pub. L. 110-289, div. B, title VI, § 2602(a), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2858.)

§ 2102. Limitations on assistance furnished

(a) The assistance authorized by section 2101(a) of this title shall be afforded under one of the following plans, at the option of the individual—

(1) where the individual elects to construct a housing unit on land to be acquired by such individual, the Secretary shall pay not to exceed 50 percent of the total cost to the individual of (A) the housing unit and (B) the necessary land upon which it is to be situated;

(2) where the individual elects to construct a housing unit on land acquired by such individual prior to application for assistance under this chapter, the Secretary shall pay not to exceed the smaller of the following sums: (A) 50 percent of the total cost to the individual of the housing unit and the land necessary for such housing unit, or (B) 50 percent of the cost to the individual of the housing unit plus the full amount of the unpaid balance, if any, of the cost to the individual of the land necessary for such housing unit;

(3) where the individual elects to remodel a dwelling which is not adapted to the requirements of such individual's disability, acquired by such individual prior to application for assistance under this chapter, the Secretary shall pay not to exceed (A) the cost to the individual of such remodeling; or (B) 50 percent of the cost to the individual of such remodeling; plus the smaller of the following sums: (i) 50 percent of the cost to the individual of such dwelling and the necessary land upon which it is situated, or (ii) the full amount of the unpaid balance, if any, of the cost to the individual of such dwelling and the necessary land upon which it is situated; and

(4) where the individual has acquired a suitable housing unit, the Secretary shall pay not to exceed the smaller of the following sums: (A) 50 percent of the cost to the individual of such housing unit and the necessary land upon which it is situated, or (B) the full amount of the unpaid balance, if any, of the cost to the individual of such housing unit and the necessary land upon which it is situated.

(b) Except as provided in section 2104(b) of this title, the assistance authorized by section 2101(b) of this title shall be limited to the lesser of—

(1) the actual cost, or, in the case of an individual acquiring a residence already adapted with special features, the fair market value, of the adaptations determined by the Secretary under such section 2101(b) to be reasonably necessary, or

(2) \$12,000.

(c) The amount of assistance afforded under subsection (a) for an individual authorized assistance by section 2101(a) of this title shall not be reduced by reason that title to the housing unit, which is vested in the individual, is also vested in any other person, if the individual resides in the housing unit.

(d)(1) The aggregate amount of assistance available to an individual under sections 2101(a) and 2102A of this title shall be limited to \$60,000.

(2) The aggregate amount of assistance available to an individual under sections 2101(b) and 2102A of this title shall be limited to \$12,000.

(3) No veteran may receive more than three grants of assistance under this chapter.

(e)(1) Effective on October 1 of each year (beginning in 2009), the Secretary shall increase the amounts described in subsection (b)(2) and paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (d) in accordance with this subsection.

(2) The increase in amounts under paragraph (1) to take effect on October 1 of a year shall be by an amount of such amounts equal to the percentage by which—

(A) the residential home cost-of-construction index for the preceding calendar year, exceeds

(B) the residential home cost-of-construction index for the year preceding the year described in subparagraph (A).

(3) The Secretary shall establish a residential home cost-of-construction index for the purposes of this subsection. The index shall reflect a uniform, national average change in the cost of residential home construction, determined on a calendar year basis. The Secretary may use an index developed in the private sector that the Secretary determines is appropriate for purposes of this subsection.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1168, §802; Pub. L. 91-22, §2, June 6, 1969, 83 Stat. 32; Pub. L. 91-506, §6, Oct. 23, 1970, 84 Stat. 1113; Pub. L. 92-341, July 10, 1972, 86 Stat. 432; Pub. L. 93-569, §9, Dec. 31, 1974, 88 Stat. 1867; Pub. L. 95-476, title I, §101, Oct. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 1497; Pub. L. 96-385, title III, §301(b), Oct. 7, 1980, 94 Stat. 1531; Pub. L. 97-66, title V, §502, Oct. 17, 1981, 95 Stat. 1032; Pub. L. 97-295, §4(33), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1307; Pub. L. 98-543, title III, §304(a), Oct. 24, 1984, 98 Stat. 2748; Pub. L. 99-576, title IV, §401(b), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3280; Pub. L. 100-322, title III, §301, May 20, 1988, 102 Stat. 534; renumbered §2102 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), (c)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406; Pub. L. 105-178, title VIII, §8204(a), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 494; Pub. L. 106-419, title III, §321, Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1855; Pub. L. 107-103, title IV, §404, Dec. 27, 2001, 115 Stat. 993; Pub. L. 108-183, title IV, §402(a), Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2664; Pub. L. 109-233, title I, §101(b), June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 398; Pub. L. 110-289, div. B, title VI, §§2602(b)(2), 2605(a), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2859, 2861.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 2102, Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1223, related to determination of amount of mustering-out payments, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89-50, §1(a), June 24, 1965, 79 Stat. 173, effective July 1, 1966.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-289, §2602(b)(2)(A)(i), substituted “individual” for “veteran” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 110-289, §2602(b)(2)(A)(ii), substituted “individual’s” for “veteran’s”.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 110-289, §2602(b)(2)(B), substituted “an individual” for “a veteran”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 110-289, §2605(a)(1), substituted “\$12,000” for “\$10,000”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 110-289, §2602(b)(2)(C), substituted “an individual” for “a veteran” and substituted “the individual” for “the veteran” in two places.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 110-289, §2602(b)(2)(D), substituted “an individual” for “a veteran” in two places.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 110-289, §2605(a)(2)(A), substituted “\$60,000” for “\$50,000”.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 110-289, §2605(a)(2)(B), substituted “\$12,000” for “\$10,000”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 110-289, §2605(a)(3), added subsec. (e).

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-233, §101(b)(1), in introductory provisions, struck out “shall be limited in the case of any veteran to one housing unit, and necessary land therefor, and” before “shall be afforded” and substituted “veteran—” for “veteran but shall not exceed \$50,000 in any one case—”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 109-233, §101(b)(2), added subsec. (d).

2003—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-183, §402(a)(1), substituted “\$50,000” for “\$48,000” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 108-183, §402(a)(2), substituted “\$10,000” for “\$9,250”.

2001—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-103, §404(1), substituted “\$48,000” for “\$43,000” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 107-103, §404(2), substituted “\$9,250” for “\$8,250”.

2000—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 106-419 added subsec. (c).

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-178, §8204(a)(1), substituted “\$43,000” for “\$38,000” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 105-178, §8204(a)(2), substituted “\$8,250” for “\$6,500”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), renumbered section 802 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-83, §5(c)(1), substituted “2101(a)” for “801(a)” in introductory provisions.

Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-83, §5(c)(1), substituted “2104(b)” for “804(b)” and substituted “2101(b)” for “801(b)” in two places.

Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator” in par. (1).

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-322, §301(1), substituted “\$38,000” for “\$35,500”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 100-322, §301(2), substituted “\$6,500” for “\$6,000”.

1986—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 99-576 substituted “cost, or, in the case of a veteran acquiring a residence already adapted with special features, the fair market value,” for “cost”.

1984—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-543, §304(a)(1), substituted “\$35,500” for “\$32,500” in provisions before par. (1).

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 98-543, §304(a)(2), substituted “\$6,000” for “\$5,000”.

1982—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-295 substituted “percent” for “per centum” wherever appearing.

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-66, §502(1), substituted “\$32,500” for “\$30,000” in provisions preceding par. (1), “such veteran” for “him” in pars. (1), (2), and (3), and “such veteran’s” for “his” in par. (3).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 97-66, §502(2), substituted “section 804(b)” for “section 804(b)(2)”.

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-385, §301(b)(1), (2), designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and substituted “section 801(a)” for “section 801”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-385, §301(b)(3), added subsec. (b).

1978—Pub. L. 95-476 substituted “\$30,000” for “\$25,000”.

1974—Pub. L. 93-569 substituted “\$25,000” for “\$17,500”.

1972—Pub. L. 92-341 substituted “\$17,500” for “\$12,500”.

1970—Par. (3). Pub. L. 91-506 inserted provision authorizing Administrator in the case of assistance to disabled veterans for specially adapted housing, where the veteran elects to remodel a dwelling not adapted to his disability, to pay the cost of remodeling as an alternative to the present provisions still set out in this par. which authorize the Administrator to pay the total of 50 percent of the remodeling cost plus 50 percent of the dwelling’s cost or the full amount of the unpaid balance of the cost of such dwelling, whichever sum is smaller.

1969—Pub. L. 91-22 substituted “\$12,500” for “\$10,000”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-289, div. B, title VI, §2605(b), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2861, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on July 1, 2008, and shall apply with respect to payments made in accordance with section 2102 of title 38, United States Code, on or after that date.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-183, title IV, §402(c), Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2664, provided that: “The amendments made by sub-

sections (a) and (b) [amending this section and section 3902 of this title] shall apply with respect to assistance furnished on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 16, 2003].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-178, title VIII, §8204(b), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 494, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to limitations under section 2102 of such title on assistance furnished to a veteran under section 2101 of such title on or after October 1, 1998.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Section 304 of Pub. L. 100-322 provided that: “The amendments made by sections 301, 302, and 303 [amending this section and sections 907 and 1902 [now 2307 and 3902] of this title] shall take effect on April 1, 1988.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Section 304(b) of Pub. L. 98-543 provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on January 1, 1985.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-66 effective Oct. 17, 1981, see section 701(b)(1) of Pub. L. 97-66, set out as a note under section 1114 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-385 effective Oct. 1, 1980, see section 601(b) of Pub. L. 96-385, set out as a note under section 1114 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-476 effective Oct. 1, 1978, see section 108(a) of Pub. L. 95-476, set out as a note under section 3702 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-569 effective Dec. 31, 1974, see section 10 of Pub. L. 93-569, set out as a note under section 3702 of this title.

§ 2102A. Assistance for individuals residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member

(a) PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.—In the case of a disabled individual who is described in subsection (a)(2) or (b)(2) of section 2101 of this title and who is residing, but does not intend to permanently reside, in a residence owned by a member of such individual’s family, the Secretary may assist the individual in acquiring such adaptations to such residence as are determined by the Secretary to be reasonably necessary because of the individual’s disability.

(b) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—The assistance authorized under subsection (a) may not exceed—

(1) \$14,000, in the case of an individual described in section 2101(a)(2) of this title; or

(2) \$2,000, in the case of an individual described in section 2101(b)(2) of this title.

(c) LIMITATION.—The assistance authorized by subsection (a) shall be limited in the case of any individual to one residence.

(d) REGULATIONS.—Assistance under this section shall be provided in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe.

(e) TERMINATION.—No assistance may be provided under this section after December 31, 2012.

(Added Pub. L. 109-233, title I, §101(a), June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 398; amended Pub. L. 110-289, div.

B, title VI, §§ 2602(b)(3), (7)(B), 2604, July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2859–2861; Pub. L. 112–37, § 14, Oct. 5, 2011, 125 Stat. 397.)

AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 112–37 substituted “2012” for “2011”.

2008—Pub. L. 110–289, § 2602(b)(7)(B), amended section catchline generally. Prior to amendment, catchline read as follows: “Assistance for veterans residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member”.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110–289, § 2602(b)(3)(A), (B), substituted “individual” for “veteran” and “individual’s” for “veteran’s” in two places each.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110–289, § 2602(b)(3)(C), substituted “an individual” for “a veteran” in two places.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 110–289, § 2602(b)(3)(A), substituted “individual” for “veteran”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 110–289, § 2604, substituted “after December 31, 2011” for “after the end of the five-year period that begins on the date of the enactment of the Veterans’ Housing Opportunity and Benefits Improvement Act of 2006”.

§ 2103. Furnishing of plans and specifications

(a) **PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.**—The Secretary is authorized to furnish to individuals eligible for assistance under this chapter, without cost to the individuals, model plans and specifications of suitable housing units.

(b) **HANDBOOK FOR DESIGN.**—The Secretary shall make available to veterans eligible for assistance under this chapter, without cost to the veterans, a handbook containing appropriate designs for specially adapted housing. The Secretary shall update such handbook at least once every six years to take into account any new or unique disabilities, including vision impairments, impairments specific to the upper limbs, and burn injuries.

(Pub. L. 85–857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1168, § 803; renumbered § 2103 and amended Pub. L. 102–83, §§ 4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404–406; Pub. L. 110–289, div. B, title VI, § 2602(b)(4), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2859; Pub. L. 110–389, title V, § 503, Oct. 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 4176.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 2103, Pub. L. 85–857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1223, related to payment of mustering-out payments to beneficiaries of deceased members, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89–50, § 1(a), June 24, 1965, 79 Stat. 173, effective July 1, 1966.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110–389 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

Pub. L. 110–289 substituted “individuals” for “veterans” in two places.

1991—Pub. L. 102–83 renumbered section 803 of this title as this section and substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator”.

§ 2104. Benefits additional to benefits under other laws

(a) Any individual who accepts the benefits of this chapter shall not by reason thereof be denied the benefits of chapter 37 of this title; however, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the assistance authorized by section 2101 of this title shall not be available to any individual more than once.

(b) An individual eligible for assistance under section 2101(b) of this title shall not by reason of

such eligibility be denied benefits for which such individual becomes eligible under section 2101(a) of this title or benefits relating to home health services under section 1717(a)(2) of this title. However, no particular type of adaptation, improvement, or structural alteration provided to an individual under section 1717(a)(2) of this title may be provided to such individual under section 2101(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 85–857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1169, § 804; Pub. L. 96–385, title III, § 301(c), Oct. 7, 1980, 94 Stat. 1531; renumbered § 2104 and amended Pub. L. 102–83, § 5(a), (c)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406; Pub. L. 104–262, title I, § 101(e)(2), Oct. 9, 1996, 110 Stat. 3180; Pub. L. 110–289, div. B, title VI, § 2602(b)(5), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2859.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 2104, Pub. L. 85–857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1223, related to time limitations, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89–50, § 1(a), June 24, 1965, 79 Stat. 173, effective July 1, 1966.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110–289, § 2602(b)(5)(A), substituted “individual” for “veteran” in two places.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110–289, § 2602(b)(5)(B), substituted “An individual” for “A veteran” and “an individual” for “a veteran” and substituted “such individual” for “such veteran” in two places.

1996—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104–275 substituted “section 1717(a)(2)” for “section 1712(a)” in two places.

1991—Pub. L. 102–83, § 5(a), renumbered section 804 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102–83, § 5(c)(1), substituted “2101” for “801”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102–83, § 5(c)(1), substituted “2101(b)” for “801(b)” in two places, “2101(a)” for “801(a)”, and “1712(a)” for “612(a)” in two places.

1980—Pub. L. 96–385 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), substituted “except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the assistance authorized by section 801 of this title” for “the assistance authorized by this chapter”, and added subsec. (b).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96–385 effective Oct. 1, 1980, see section 601(b) of Pub. L. 96–385, set out as a note under section 1114 of this title.

§ 2105. Nonliability of United States

The Government of the United States shall have no liability in connection with any housing unit, or necessary land therefor, or adaptation acquired under the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 85–857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1169, § 805; Pub. L. 96–385, title III, § 301(d), Oct. 7, 1980, 94 Stat. 1531; renumbered § 2105, Pub. L. 102–83, § 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 2105, Pub. L. 85–857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1224, related to administration of mustering-out payments provisions, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89–50, § 1(a), June 24, 1965, 79 Stat. 173, effective July 1, 1966.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102–83 renumbered section 805 of this title as this section.

1980—Pub. L. 96–385 made the United States not liable for any adaptation in connection with any housing unit.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96–385 effective Oct. 1, 1980, see section 601(b) of Pub. L. 96–385, set out as a note under section 1114 of this title.

§ 2106. Veterans' mortgage life insurance

(a) The United States shall automatically insure any eligible individual age 69 or younger who is or has been granted assistance in securing a suitable housing unit under this chapter against the death of the individual unless the individual (1) submits to the Secretary in writing the individual's election not to be insured under this section, or (2) fails to respond in a timely manner to a request from the Secretary for information on which the premium for such insurance can be based.

(b) The amount of insurance provided an individual under this section may not exceed the lesser of \$150,000, or after January 1, 2012, \$200,000, or the amount of the loan outstanding on the housing unit. The amount of such insurance shall be reduced according to the amortization schedule of the loan and may not at any time exceed the amount of the outstanding loan with interest. If there is no outstanding loan on the housing unit, insurance is not payable under this section. If an eligible individual elects not to be insured under this section, the individual may thereafter be insured under this section, but only upon submission of an application, payment of required premiums, and compliance with such health requirements and other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary.

(c) The premiums charged an individual for insurance under this section shall be paid at such time and in such manner as the Secretary prescribes. The rates for such premiums shall be based on such mortality data as the Secretary considers appropriate to cover only the mortality cost of insuring standard lives. In the case of an individual receiving compensation or other cash benefits paid to the individual by the Secretary, the Secretary shall deduct from such compensation or other benefits the premiums charged the individual under this section.

(d)(1) The United States shall bear the costs of insurance under this section to the extent that such costs exceed premiums established by the Secretary. Premiums collected on insurance under this section shall be credited to the "Veterans Insurance and Indemnities" appropriation account, and all disbursements of insurance proceeds under this section shall be made from that account.

(2) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for such account such amounts as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(e) Any amount of insurance in force under this section on the date of the death of an individual insured under this section shall be paid to the holder of the mortgage loan, for payment of which the insurance was granted, for credit on the loan indebtedness. Any liability of the United States under such insurance shall be satisfied when such payment is made. If the Secretary is the holder of the mortgage loan, the insurance proceeds shall be credited to the loan indebtedness and deposited in the Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund established by section 3722 of this title.

(f) The Secretary may prescribe such regulations relating to eligibility for insurance under this section, the maximum amount of insurance,

the effective date of insurance, the maximum duration of insurance, and other pertinent matters not specifically provided for in this section as the Secretary determines are in the best interest of veterans or the United States.

(g) The amount of the insurance in force at any time shall be the amount necessary to pay the mortgage indebtedness in full, except as otherwise limited by subsection (b) of this section or regulations prescribed by the Secretary under this section.

(h) The Secretary shall issue to each individual insured under this section a certificate setting forth the benefits to which the individual is entitled under the insurance.

(i) Insurance under this section shall terminate upon whichever of the following events first occurs:

(1) Satisfaction of the individual's indebtedness under the loan upon which the insurance is based.

(2) Termination of the individual's ownership of the property securing the loan.

(3) Discontinuance of payment of premiums by the individual.

(j) Termination of life insurance under this section shall not affect the guaranty or insurance of the loan by the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 92-95, §1, Aug. 11, 1971, 85 Stat. 320, §806; amended Pub. L. 94-433, title III, §302, Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1377; Pub. L. 99-576, title VII, §701(49), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3295; Pub. L. 100-322, title III, §333(a)(1), May 20, 1988, 102 Stat. 537; renumbered §2106 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), (c)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406; Pub. L. 102-568, title II, §204(a), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4325; Pub. L. 103-446, title XII, §1201(h)(2), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4688; Pub. L. 105-368, title VI, §602(e)(2), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3347; Pub. L. 107-330, title III, §302, Dec. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 2824; Pub. L. 110-289, div. B, title VI, §2602(b)(6), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2860; Pub. L. 111-275, title IV, §407(a), Oct. 13, 2010, 124 Stat. 2880.)

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 111-275 substituted "\$150,000, or after January 1, 2012, \$200,000," for "\$90,000".

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-289, §2602(b)(6)(A), (F), substituted "any eligible individual" for "any eligible veteran" and "the individual's" for "the veterans" and substituted "the individual" for "the veteran" in two places.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-289, §2602(b)(6)(B), (F), (G), substituted "an individual" for "a veteran", "an eligible individual" for "an eligible veteran", and "the individual" for "the veteran".

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 110-289, §2602(b)(6)(F), (G), substituted "the individual" for "the veteran" and "an individual" for "a veteran" in two places each.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 110-289, §2602(b)(6)(C), substituted "an individual" for "an eligible veteran".

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 110-289, §2602(b)(6)(D), (F), substituted "each individual" for "each veteran" and "the individual" for "the veteran".

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 110-289, §2602(b)(6)(E), (F), substituted "the individual" for "the veteran" and substituted "the individual's" for "the veteran's" in two places.

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-330, §302(1), inserted "age 69 or younger" after "any eligible veteran".

Subsec. (i)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 107-330, §302(2), redesignated pars. (3) and (4) as (2) and (3), respectively, and

struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: "The veteran's seventieth birthday."

1998—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-368 substituted "deposited in the Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund established by section 3722 of this title" for "as appropriate, deposited in either the direct loan or loan guaranty revolving fund established by section 3723 or 3724 of this title, respectively".

1994—Pub. L. 103-446 substituted "Veterans' mortgage life insurance" for "Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance" as section catchline.

1992—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-568 struck out "initial" after "The" and substituted "\$90,000" for "\$40,000".

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), renumbered section 806 of this title as this section.

Subsecs. (a) to (d). Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted "Secretary" for "Administrator" wherever appearing.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 102-83, §5(c)(1), substituted "3723 or 3724" for "1823 or 1824".

Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted "Secretary" for "Administrator".

Subsecs. (f) to (h), (j). Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted "Secretary" for "Administrator" wherever appearing.

1988—Pub. L. 100-322 amended section generally, substituting provisions relating to veterans' mortgage life insurance for former provisions relating to mortgage protection life insurance.

1986—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-576, §701(49)(A), substituted "the veteran's" for "his".

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-576, §701(49)(B), substituted "the veteran" for "he" before "may thereafter".

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99-576, §701(49)(C), substituted "the veteran's" for "he" in last sentence.

Subsec. (g)(2). Pub. L. 99-576, §701(49)(D)(i), substituted "the Administrator" for "he" in two places, "the Administrator's" for "his", and "the Administrator" for "him" in two places.

Subsec. (g)(3). Pub. L. 99-576, §701(49)(D)(ii), substituted "the veteran" for "he".

Subsec. (g)(5). Pub. L. 99-576, §701(49)(D)(iii), substituted "the Administrator" for "him" in two places.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 99-576, §701(49)(E), substituted "the Administrator's" for "his" in first sentence and "the veteran's" for "his" in second sentence.

1976—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-433 substituted \$40,000 for \$30,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 111-275, title IV, §407(b), Oct. 13, 2010, 124 Stat. 2880, provided that: "The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 2011."

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-368, title VI, §602(f), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3348, provided that: "This title [enacting sections 3722 and 3771 to 3775 of this title, amending this section and sections 3702, 3703, 3711, 3720, 3727, 3729, 3733 to 3735, and 3763 of this title, repealing sections 3723 to 3725 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 3722 of this title] and the amendments made by this title shall take effect on October 1, 1998."

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-568 effective Dec. 1, 1992, see section 205 of Pub. L. 102-568, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1922A of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Section 333(b) of Pub. L. 100-322 provided that: "The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act [May 20, 1988]."

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-433 effective Oct. 1, 1976, see section 406 of Pub. L. 94-433, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

SAVINGS PROVISION; DISCONTINUANCE OF CONTRACT PROGRAM; DEFINITION

Section 333(c)-(e) of Pub. L. 100-322 provided that:

"(c) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Mortgage protection life insurance granted to any veteran under the former section 806 shall continue in force with the United States as insurer, subject to the terms of subsection (d). Nothing in that subsection shall impair any rights of any veteran or mortgage loan holder under the former section 806 that matured before the effective date specified in subsection (b) [see Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note above].

"(d) DISCONTINUANCE OF CONTRACT PROGRAM.—(1) Effective as of the effective date specified in subsection (b), the Administrator shall discontinue the policy of insurance purchased in accordance with the former section 806.

"(2) All premiums collected or received by the insurer on or after such effective date under a policy purchased under the former section 806 shall be promptly forwarded to the Administrator and shall be credited to the 'Veterans Insurance and Indemnities' appropriation account. Any positive balance of the contingency reserve maintained by the insurer under such policy remaining after all charges have been made shall be payable to the Administrator and shall be deposited by the Administrator in such account, except that such balance may, upon the election of the insurer, be paid by the insurer in equal monthly installments over a period of not more than two years beginning on the date, after such effective date, that the Administrator specifies.

"(e) FORMER SECTION 806 DEFINED.—For the purpose of subsections (c) and (d), the term 'former section 806' means section 806 [this section] of title 38, United States Code, as in effect on the day before the effective date specified in subsection (b)."

§ 2107. Coordination of administration of benefits

The Secretary shall provide for the coordination of the administration of programs to provide specially adapted housing that are administered by the Under Secretary for Health and such programs that are administered by the Under Secretary for Benefits under this chapter, chapter 17, and chapter 31 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 109-233, title I, §101(c), June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 399.)

§ 2108. Specially adapted housing assistive technology grant program

(a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.—The Secretary shall make grants to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing.

(b) APPLICATION.—A person or entity seeking a grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary an application for the grant in such form and manner as the Secretary shall specify.

(c) GRANT FUNDS.—(1) Each grant awarded under this section shall be in an amount of not more than \$200,000 per fiscal year.

(2) For each fiscal year in which the Secretary makes a grant under this section, the Secretary shall make the grant by not later than April 1 of that year.

(d) USE OF FUNDS.—The recipient of a grant under this section shall use the grant to develop assistive technologies for use in specially adapted housing.

(e) REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of each fiscal year following a fiscal year in which the Secretary makes a grant, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report containing informa-

tion related to each grant awarded under this section during the preceding fiscal year, including—

- (1) the name of the grant recipient;
- (2) the amount of the grant; and
- (3) the goal of the grant.

(f) **FUNDING.**—From amounts appropriated to the Department for readjustment benefits for each fiscal year for which the Secretary is authorized to make a grant under this section, \$1,000,000 shall be available for that fiscal year for the purposes of the program under this section.

(g) **DURATION.**—The authority to make a grant under this section shall begin on October 1, 2011, and shall terminate on September 30, 2016.

(Added Pub. L. 111-275, title II, §203(a), Oct. 13, 2010, 124 Stat. 2874.)

CHAPTER 23—BURIAL BENEFITS

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AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-275, title II, §213(b)(2), Oct. 9, 1996, 110 Stat. 3332, substituted “burial receptacles” for “grave liners” in item 2306.

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(b)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406, renumbered items 901 to 908 as 2301 to 2308, respectively.

Pub. L. 102-83, §4(a)(3), (4), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404, substituted “Department” for “Veterans’ Administration” in item 903.

1988—Pub. L. 100-322, title III, §344(b)(2), May 20, 1988, 102 Stat. 540, substituted “Headstones, markers, and grave liners” for “Headstones and markers” in item 906.

1976—Pub. L. 94-433, title III, §304(b), Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1377, added item 908.

1973—Pub. L. 93-43, §5(b), June 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 81, inserted “; plot allowance” in item 903 and added items 906 and 907.

§ 2301. Flags

(a) The Secretary shall furnish a flag to drape the casket of each—

(1) deceased veteran who—

(A) was a veteran of any war, or of service after January 31, 1955;

(B) had served at least one enlistment; or

(C) had been discharged or released from the active military, naval, or air service for a disability incurred or aggravated in line of duty; and

(2) deceased individual who at the time of death was entitled to retired pay under chapter 67¹ of title 10 or would have been entitled to retired pay under that chapter but for the fact that the person was under 60 years of age.

(b) After the burial of the veteran the flag so furnished shall be given to the veteran's next of

kin. If no claim is made for the flag by the next of kin, it may be given, upon request, to a close friend or associate of the deceased veteran. If a flag is given to a close friend or associate of the deceased veteran, no flag shall be given to any other person on account of the death of such veteran.

(c) For the purpose of this section, the term “Mexican border period” as defined in paragraph (30) of section 101 of this title includes the period beginning on January 1, 1911, and ending on May 8, 1916.

(d) In the case of any person who died while in the active military, naval, or air service after May 27, 1941, the Secretary shall furnish a flag to the next of kin, or to such other person as the Secretary considers most appropriate, if such next of kin or other person is not otherwise entitled to receive a flag under this section or under section 1482(a) of title 10.

(e) The Secretary shall furnish a flag to drape the casket of each deceased person who is buried in a national cemetery by virtue of eligibility for burial in such cemetery under section 2402(a)(6) of this title. After the burial, the flag shall be given to the next of kin or to such other person as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(f)(1) The Secretary shall furnish a flag to drape the casket of each deceased member or former member of the Selected Reserve (as described in section 10143 of title 10) who is not otherwise eligible for a flag under this section or section 1482(a) of title 10—

(A) who completed at least one enlistment as a member of the Selected Reserve or, in the case of an officer, completed the period of initial obligated service as a member of the Selected Reserve;

(B) who was discharged before completion of the person's initial enlistment as a member of the Selected Reserve or, in the case of an officer, period of initial obligated service as a member of the Selected Reserve, for a disability incurred or aggravated in line of duty; or

(C) who died while a member of the Selected Reserve.

(2) A flag may not be furnished under subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) in the case of a person whose last discharge from service in the Armed Forces was under conditions less favorable than honorable.

(3) After the burial, a flag furnished under paragraph (1) shall be given to the next of kin or to such other person as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(g) A flag may not be furnished under this section in the case of a person described in section 2411(b) of this title.

(h)(1) The Secretary may not procure any flag for the purposes of this section that is not wholly produced in the United States.

(2)(A) The Secretary may waive the requirement of paragraph (1) if the Secretary determines—

(i) that the requirement cannot be reasonably met; or

(ii) that compliance with the requirement would not be in the national interest of the United States.

(B) The Secretary shall submit to Congress in writing notice of a determination under sub-

¹ See References in Text note below.